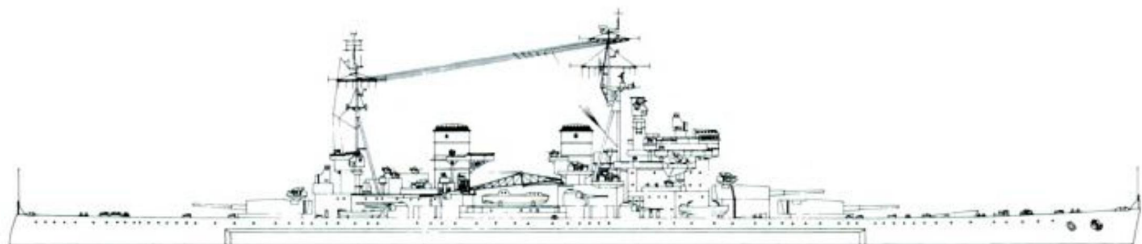
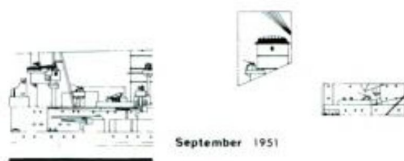


DUKE OF YORK As in March 1946

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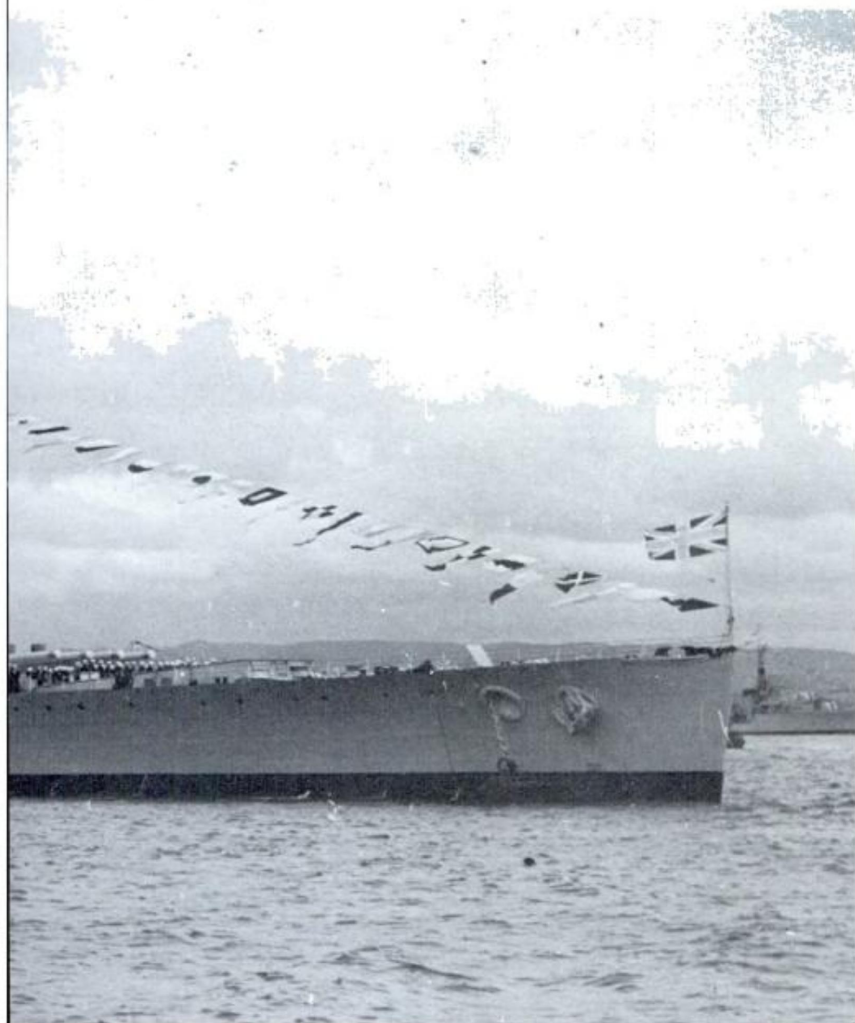


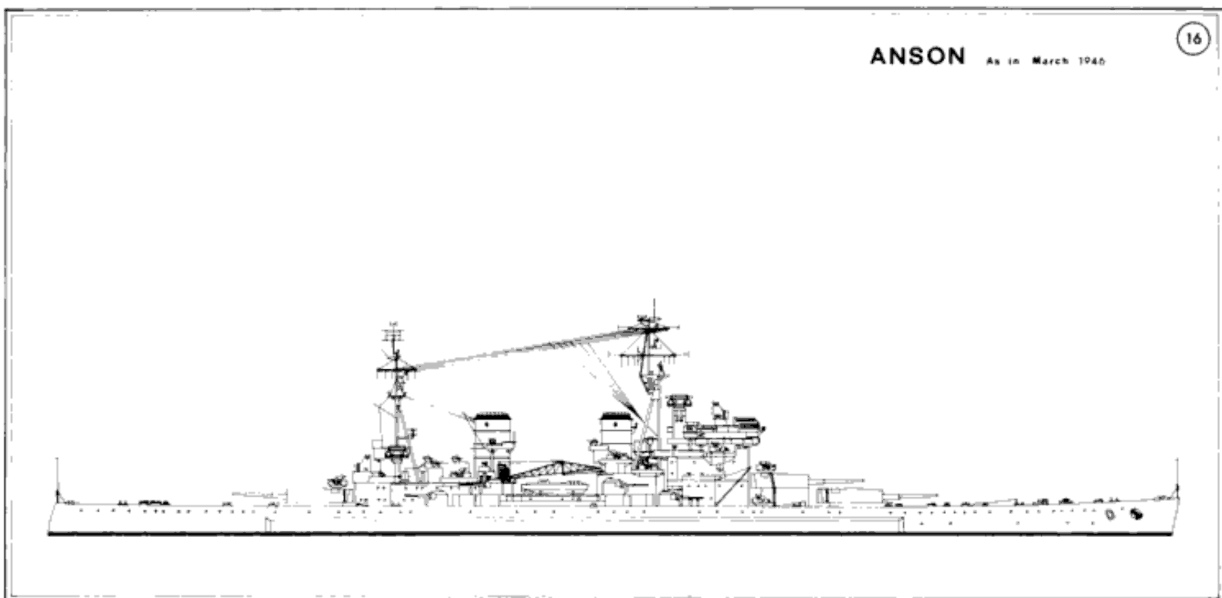
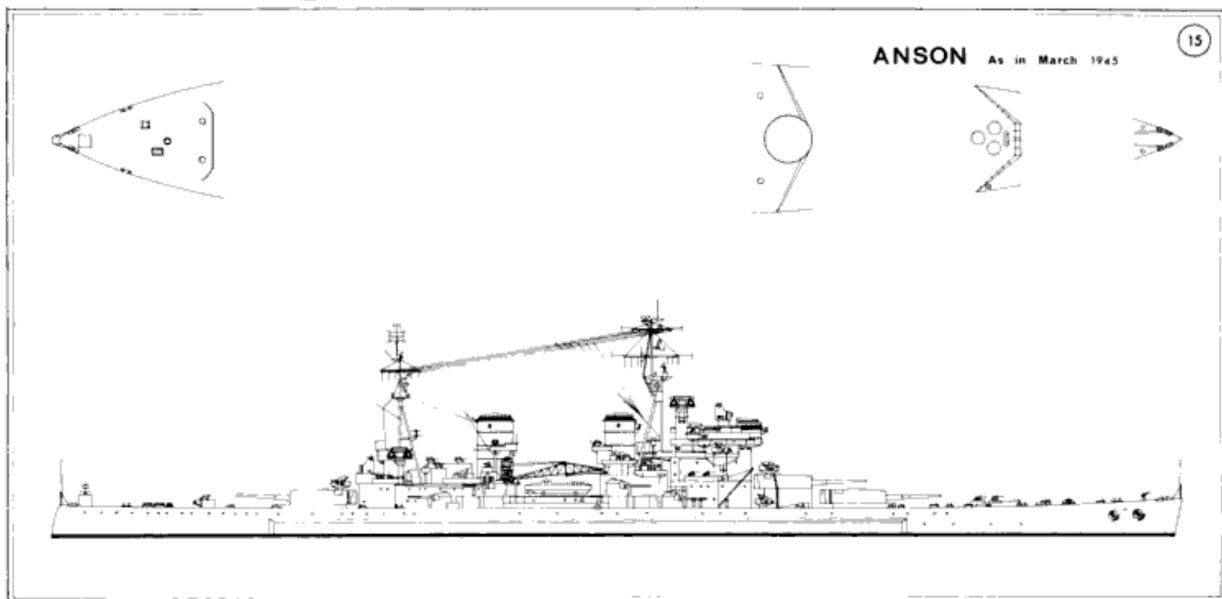
Duke of York. Refit at Liverpool September 1944 – March 1945. *Duke of York* received more substantial additions to her AA armament as a result of the appearance of the Kamikaze in the Pacific. Alterations and additions were generally as for *Howe* except as follows:
 REMOVED: 18 single 20mm Oerlikons.

ADDED: 6 quad pompom mountings (2 on quarterdeck, 2 on sponsons abreast bridge, 2 on upper deck abreast 'B' turret), 6 twin 20mm Oerlikon mountings, gunnery radar Type 274 (fitted on the after director as well as the forward director), platform on after funnel extended forward (this served to distinguish her from the other ships of the class). On completion of her refit the displacement of *Duke of York* had risen to 39 780 tons (standard) 44 790 tons (full load).

The *Duke of York* dressed overall during a royal review of the fleet on 24 July 1947. At this time *Duke of York* and *King George V* were part of the Home Fleet, the latter vessel being flagship of the C in C. The remaining pair were serving in the training squadron

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Anson. Refitted at Devonport Dockyard June 1944 – March 1945. Modifications were generally as for *Duke of York* except as follows:
REMOVED: 20 single 20mm Oerlikons, four secondary directors Mk V and associate radars Type 285
ADDED: Four secondary directors Mk VI and four sets associate radar

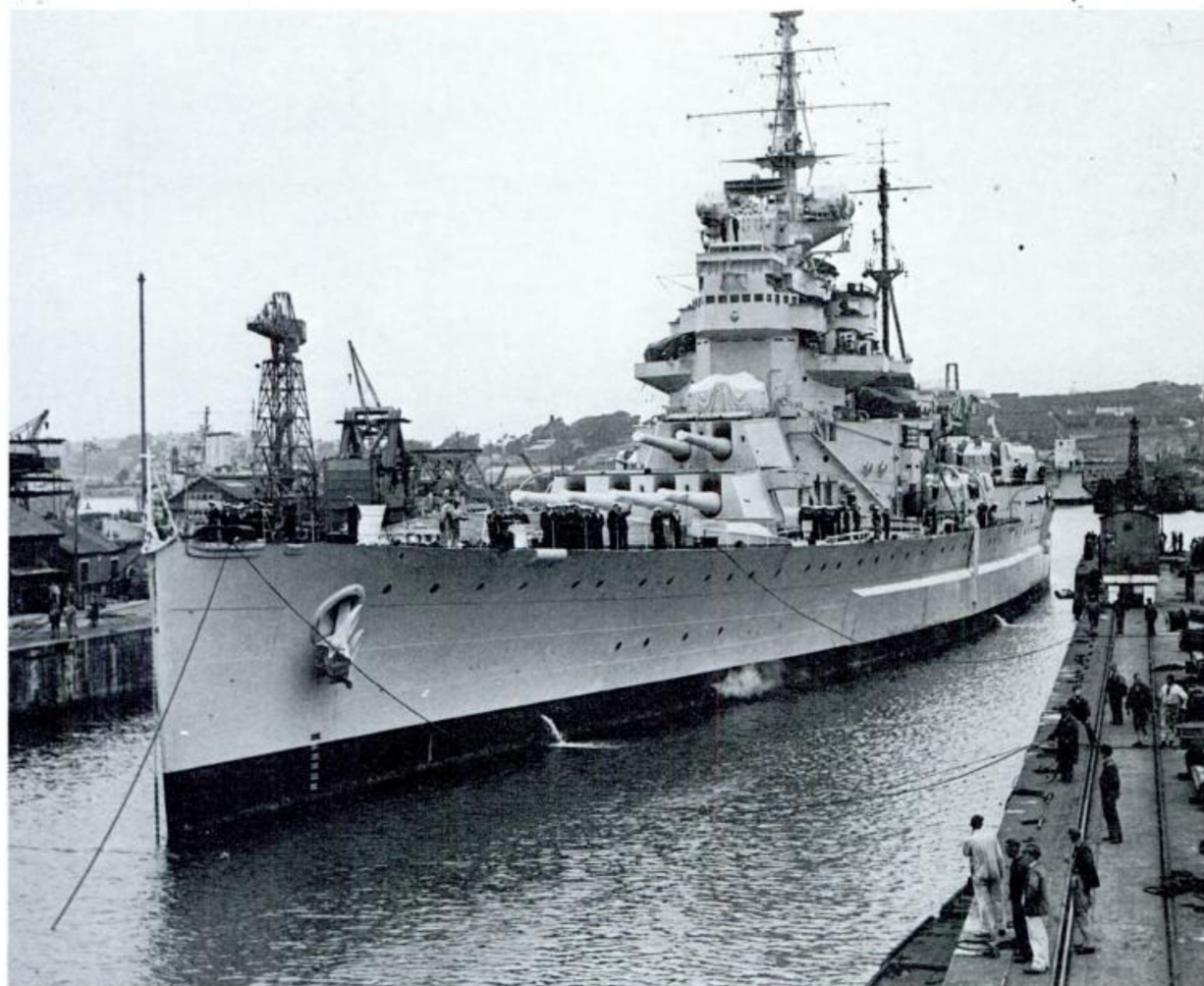
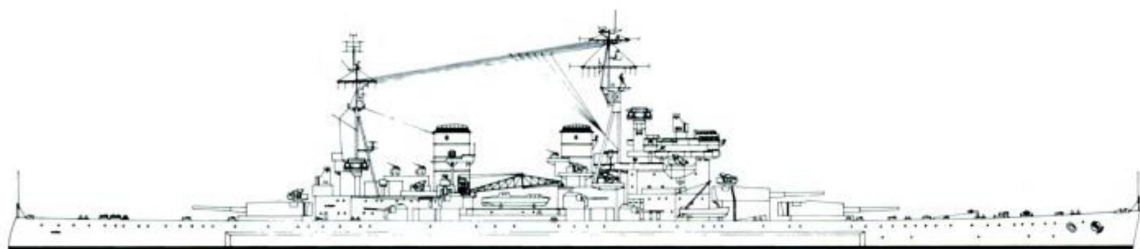
Type 275, missile jamming equipment Type 651, two aerial stays at top of after funnel, short mast on after funnel platform. On completion of her refit the displacement of *Anson* had risen to 40 150 tons (standard), 45 360 tons (full load).

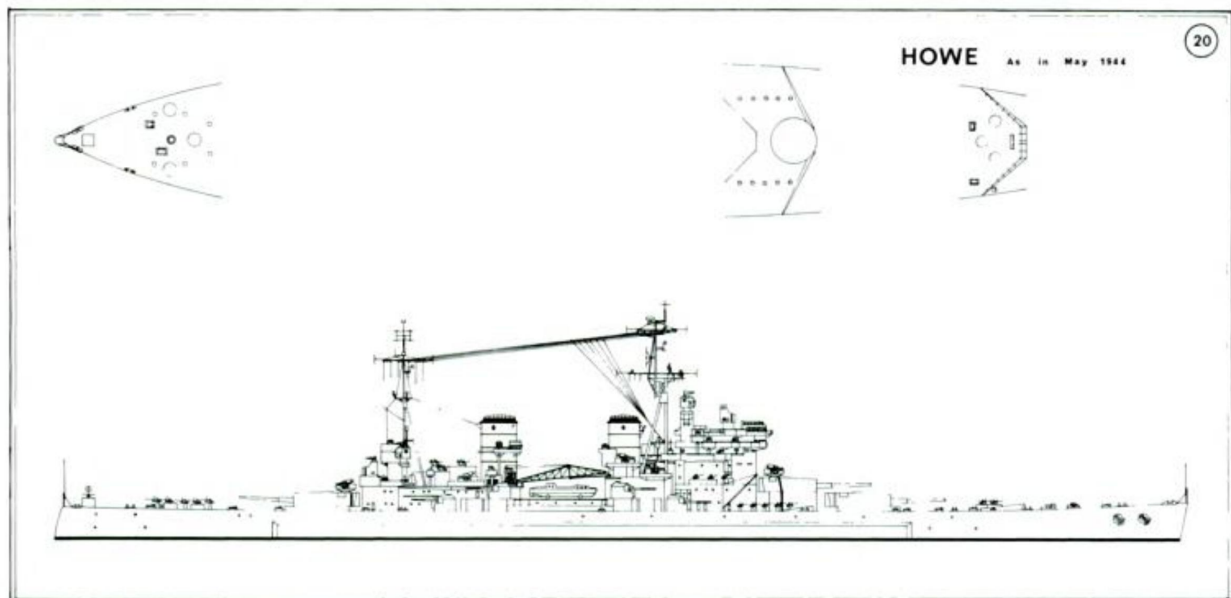
Right: The *Anson* entering dry dock at Devonport on 11 September 1947. Note the Mk VI HA/LA directors above the bridge which were added during her major refit of 1944-45 – she was the only member of the class so equipped

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POST-WAR ALTERATIONS

Howe. September 1945:

REMOVED: all single 20mm guns, searchlights on after funnel, DF hut on quarterdeck and sheet anchor.

ADDED: 6 quad pompom mountings (2 abreast 'B' turret, 2 on No 1 platform and 2 on quarterdeck) 18 single 40mm Bofors (2 abaft breakwater, 2 on 'A' turret, 2 on signal platform, 2 on after funnel platform, 2 abreast after main director and 6 on quarterdeck).

Late 1945: 6 single Bofors removed and side scuttles re-opened.

March 1946: All quad pompoms and 6 single Bofors on quarterdeck removed.

Final condition: Two US quad 40mm removed.

King George V. December 1945: 2 single 20mm on quarterdeck removed and some of side scuttles re-opened.

March 1946: All 20mm mountings on forecastle and quarterdeck, including those abreast 'B' turret, removed; US quad 40mm removed and their directors replaced by British pattern with radar Type 282; 2 twin 20mm on after superstructure replaced by 2 single 40mm Bofors; DF hut on quarterdeck removed and 32ft cutters and davits abreast 'B' turret replaced.

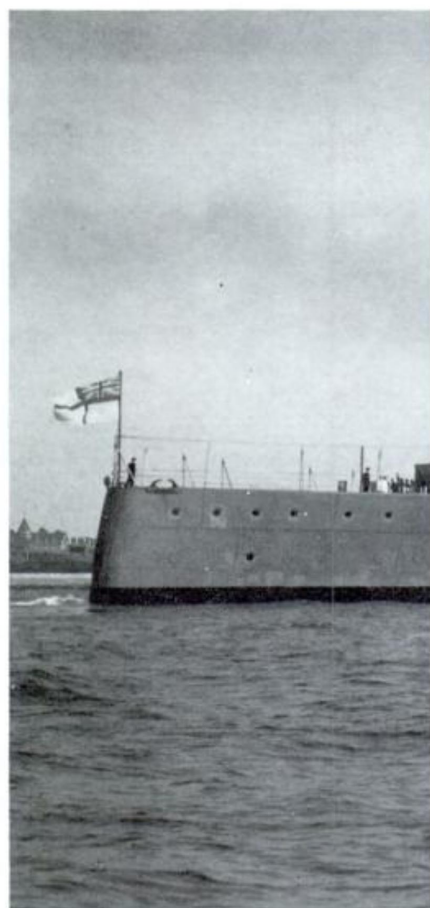
Final condition: 4 single 20mm added abreast mainmast.

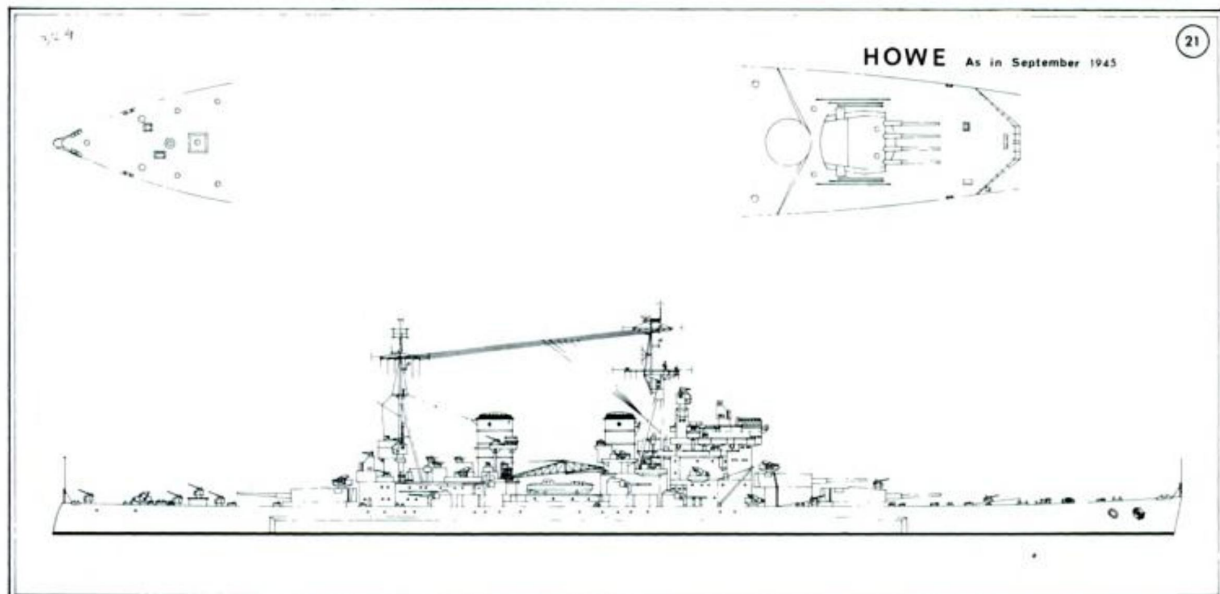
Duke of York. March 1946: All single 20mm and DF hut on quarterdeck removed, 4-3pdr saluting guns added, 2-27ft whalers added on upper deck and 32ft cutters and davits abreast 'B' turret replaced.

Final condition: All twin 20mm and 2 quad 40mm mountings removed and 6 single 40mm Bofors fitted (2 on after superstructure, 2 on platform abaft forefunnel and 2 on No 1 platform abreast bridge), two 27ft whalers on upper deck removed.

Anson. March 1946: All single 20mm (except 2 abreast mainmast) and the quad pompom mountings on quarterdeck removed. DF hut, sheet anchor and two small platforms on after boiler room vent removed; 4-3pdr saluting guns added on No 1 platform abreast bridge.

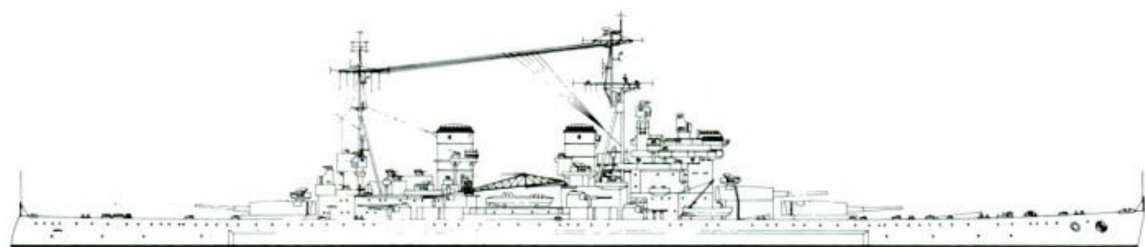
September 1949: All remaining 20mm mountings and 2 quad pompoms abreast 'B' turret removed and 4 single 40mm Bofors (2 abreast mainmast and 2 on platform abaft forefunnel) and a 20mm Oerlikon (abaft breakwater) added, 32ft cutters and davits abreast 'B' turret replaced.





Howe leaving Portsmouth Harbour on 19 March 1946 after the removal of the quadruple pom poms and single Bofors from her upper deck
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The bridge and forward turrets of the *Howe* early in 1945. The Mk V directors above the bridge are facing astern

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